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PENDLETON SAND & GRAVEL CO. (Sand & Gravel)

Unclassified District
Umatilla County

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OWNER-OPERATORS: Partnership between Morris Looney, Garfield Powers and J. R. Colgan,
all of Pendleton.

LOCATION: The office and main plant is situated on the Karl Saeger ranch,
T 2 N - R 32 E - S 28 which is on the Pilot Rock highway 4 miles
from Pendleton.

Another plant is situated on the Earl Brownell land in T 5 N - R
28 E about S 22 or on U. S. highway 730 about 1 mile east of
Umatilla and adjacent to the east to the Jones Scott Company's pit.

AREA: Both of these locations are on leased, deeded land.

GENERAL: This is a new company and in no way connected with another company
which operated under this same name several years ago but which
was owned by the River Bend Sand and Gravel Company of Salem. This
older company has gone out of business.

The present company engages in general contracting and specializes
in road construction and maintenance, including oiling. Because
of this they have a wide variety of specialized equipment in addi-
tion to that used in connection with their sand and gravel production.
The sand and gravel plant is highly mechanized and much of the
equipment is new. Repair shops are maintained at the Pendleton plant

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on the Pilot Rock highway.

PENDLETON PLANT: The plant here was started in the Spring of 1945. Production includes a full line of sand and sized crushed rock. Gravel is dug by dragline and trucked to a stationary plant where it is processed.

The material dug occurs in the valley occupied by McKee creek and probably represents a quaternary deposit although fluviatile deposits of late Tertiary age are believed to occur in this general region also. The pit is carried to about a 9 foot depth at which horizon large boulders are encountered. The usual size of gravel dug is between 1 and 4 inches in diameter with not many oversize boulders. Reserves on the land now under lease are sufficient for two years. An additional supply is available on adjacent property.

UMATILLA PLANT: The plant here consists of a screening unit and bunkers. While some rock is produced, the chief product is sand. Railroad distribution is available to this pit with a siding at the old Brownell Sand and Gravel Co. pit $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distant.

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Views of the pit and plant located on
the Pilot Rock-Pendleton road

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